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Application of :
Takashi NIWA et al. :
Serial No. 09/740,664 : Group Art Unit: 2878
Filed: December 19, 2000 :
For: NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL PROBE : Examiner - Thanh X. Luu
HAVING CANTILEVER AND :
PROBE FORMED OF TRANS- :
PARENT MATERIAL, METHOD :
FOR MANUFACTURING NEAR- :
FIELD OPTICAL PROBE, AND :
OPTICAL APPARATUS HAVING :
NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL :
PROBE (As Amended) : Docket No. S004-4168

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RESPONSE

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In response to the Office Action dated March 31,
2003, applicants amend their application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Delete the title of the invention in its entirety
and insert therefor --NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL PROBE HAVING
CANTILEVER AND PROBE FORMED OF TRANSPARENT MATERIAL, METHOD
FOR MANUFACTURING NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL PROBE, AND OPTICAL
APPARATUS HAVING NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL PROBE--.

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